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### John Charles Lucena to John Kean, May 12, 1788

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Dear Sir

London 12 Jan 1789 -

I duly received your esteemed favor of the 2 Febr<sup>y</sup> last which gave me great pleasure as I had for some time heard that on your return from the northern States you had again lost your health, but I hope by a careful attention to your health to hear that it is perfectly restored.

I also received the Acct. you enclosed, and observe the Balance you note but as I have never received any Acct. fur<sup>t</sup> from you since that dated the 1 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1784 by which you make the Balance in your fav<sup>r</sup> £73.2.10. I am not enabled to see how the Bal<sup>y</sup> you note of £27.11.10 arrives due 1 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1785. I therefore must trouble you for that years Acct. I must also observe to you, that there is an error in the statement of the Acct<sup>t</sup> as to the Proportion of the Slaves in 81 you make them as 25 to 35. and in the year 82 & 3. as 25. to 70 this has arisen I suppose from my having stated them in my former Acct<sup>t</sup> in the same proportion of 25 & 35. and which was nearly the Case at that time but on the removal from the Congaree to the Neck I sold Mrs Ouzgokale Three grown Slaves & lost 2 men who ran away



which should reduce the proportion as 20 to 35 and as 20 to 15  
afterwards. This you will see is the Case even from the return  
you sent me of the Negroes, and no doubt will correct. I know  
also that about \$100 is all that has been credited for Hours. But  
received in Georgia however I suppose Stephen has received the  
remainder. I shall therefore thank you for the acct. forwarded the  
Balance shall be placed as you direct. - I am truly sorry to  
find you are so unsuccessfull in your planting but I fear the land  
on the beach will never yield you an adequate return as I ever  
considered it poor -

You do not tell me that you have increased your  
family which I shall be happy to hear & that your Health is per-  
fectly established altho I think the Northern Air agrees best with  
your Constitution. - I am truly sorry to hear the Indians have  
been troublesome in Georgia I fear that State suffers much  
in every respect & that it will be long before it recovers -

I have the pleasure to tell you my friends are all well  
and frequently inquire for you. I am most sincerely

Dear Sir Your friend & Servant  
John C. Deane



J. C. Lucena  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1788-

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